GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:91
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2000
EXPORT OF WHEAT AND RICE
PRABHUNATH SINGH;RAMJI LAL SUMAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to export the surplus stock of wheat and rice;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the quantum of wheat and rice exported during the last six months, month-wise, country-wise;

(c) whether the Government have fixed export price for rice and wheat at an abnormally low price;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore and amount of loss suffered as a result thereof;

(e) whether some countries have not accepted India`s foodgrains;

(f) if so, the reasons thereof; and
(g) the steps being taken by the Government to export good quality of foodgrains?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) & (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) & (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 91 FOR ANSWE
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(a) & (b) : Government has decided to export wheat from the surplus stocks available with it. There has been no export of wheat from the Central Pool during the last six months.

(c) & (d) : Wheat will be made available by the FCI for export at aprice not lower than the CIP for BPL category which, at present, is Rs.4150 per MT. The export of wheat will help liquidate excess stocks and also save expenditure in terms of carrying cost of stocks, etc.

(e) & (f) : Do not arise, as wheat is yet to be exported.

(g) : The FCI has been instructed to ensure that wheat meant for export is of good quality.